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- DE 102 39 266 A1 as discussed on Page 2 of the specification. No translation is available at this time, however, attached is an English language abstract.
- *Dubbel: Taschenbuch für den Maschinenbau* (Mechanical Engineering Manual, paperback edition), 15th edition; chapter Bauteilverbindungen (Connection of Components), pp. 387f as discussed on Pages 5 and 6 of the specification. No translation is available at this time.

The following references have been cited in the International Phase of the above-identified application. A copy of the International Search Report is attached.

- U.S. Patent Application Publication 2002/0101042 A1.

- U.S. Patent 3,279,834.

- DE 102 07 779 C1 discloses a pivot linkage scaling device provided by cuff sealed around outside of pivot pin and bellows attached to mounting. The reference has been cited under Category X as being relevant to International claims 1 and 4. No translation is available at this time, however, attached is an English language abstract.

- WO 02/093028 A1 discloses a ball-and-socket joint. The reference has been cited under Category A as being relevant to International claims 1, 2, 4-9, 12 and 13. No translation is available at this time, however, attached is an English language abstract.

Applicant wishes to bring to the attention of the Examiner the following reference which has been cited in the corresponding German Application.

- DE 27 09 084 discloses a ball joint. No translation is available at this time, however, attached is an English language abstract.

Consideration of the above references is requested.

Respectfully submitted
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